

Understanding the Director of Mobility Forces (DIRMOBFOR)

TOPIC: Increase the knowledge level of the DIRMOBFOR roles and responsibilities according to Air Force Doctrine Document 2.

WHY IS THIS A DOCTRINE DISCUSSION TOPIC:

- It is not uncommon for Air Force members as well as members from our sister services to misunderstand the roles and responsibilities of the DIRMOBFOR. This initiative should help clear up those misunderstandings and aid the warfighters in better understanding a critical piece of the Air Operations Center's (AOC) command relationships.

DIRMOBFOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **The DIRMOBFOR is the Commander of Air Force Forces' (COMAFFOR's) or Joint Force Air Component Commander's (JFACC's) designated coordinating authority for air mobility with all commands and agencies both internal and external to the JTF.**
- **The DIRMOBFOR provides direction to the Air Mobility Division in the AOC and normally will be a senior officer familiar with the AOR.**
- The COMAFFOR exercises complete ADCON over the DIRMOBFOR; however, the DIRMOBFOR reports operationally to the JFACC.
- For operations where the preponderance of forces are air mobility assets, or for air mobility-only operations, the DIRMOBFOR may be dual-hatted as the JFACC/COMAFFOR.
- The DIRMOBFOR is responsible for directing the Air Mobility Division (AMD) of the AOC. Under the direction of the DIRMOBFOR, the AMD normally has the following responsibilities:
 - Direct the integration of intertheater air mobility support provided by USTRANSCOM-assigned mobility forces.
 - Coordinate the tasking of USTRANSCOM intertheater air mobility forces (air and ground) attached (TACON) to the JFC.
 - Direct the tasking of intratheater air mobility forces (air and ground) attached (either OPCON or TACON) to the JFC.
 - Coordinate with the AOC director to ensure all air mobility operations supporting the JFC are fully integrated with the ATO cycle and deconflicted with all other air operations.
 - Coordinate with the tanker airlift control center (TACC), through the Air Mobility Division (AMD), all intertheater air mobility missions to ensure the most effective use of these resources in accomplishing the JFC, theater, and USTRANSCOM missions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

- AFDD 2, *Organization & Employment of Aerospace Power*
<http://www.doctrine.af.mil/Library/Doctrine/afdd2draft.pdf>
- AFDD 2-6, *Air Mobility Operations*
<http://www.doctrine.af.mil/Library/Doctrine/afdd2-6.pdf>
- JPub 3-17, *Airlift Operations*
http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/jel/new_pubs/jp3_17.pdf
- JPub 4-01.1, *Airlift Support*
http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/jel/new_pubs/jp4_01_1.pdf

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